

TENNESSEE GENERAL ASSEMBLY
FISCAL REVIEW COMMITTEE



FISCAL MEMORANDUM

SB 1313 - HB 1421

April 20, 2021

SUMMARY OF ORIGINAL BILL: Prohibits a school from requiring or forcing a student to receive a COVID-19 immunization or taking adverse action against a student who is not immunized. Establishes that schools found in violation are subject to civil penalties. Authorizes schools to immunize a student against COVID-19 if certain conditions are met.

FISCAL IMPACT OF ORIGINAL BILL:

NOT SIGNIFICANT

SUMMARY OF AMENDMENTS (005551, 007248, 007398): Amendment 005551 deletes and replaces language of the original bill to add an authorization for a parent or guardian, upon providing a certain signed statement, to exempt their child from immunization requirements during an epidemic or immediate threat of an epidemic.

Amendment 007248 adds language to the original bill to repeal Section 1, summarized above under the summary of original bill, on July 1, 2023.

Amendment 007398 deletes and replaces language of Amendment 005551 such that there are no substantive changes.

FISCAL IMPACT OF BILL WITH PROPOSED AMENDMENTS:

Unchanged from the original fiscal note.

Assumptions for the bill as amended:

- Tennessee Code Annotated § 49-6-5001 allows for student exemptions from immunization requirements to attend public schools due to homelessness, religious tenets, or medical reasons.
- Schools currently follow immunization requirements and exceptions established in Tenn. Code Ann. § 49-6-5001 and the additional requirements included in the proposed legislation will not significantly impact processes or procedures for schools. It is assumed that all schools will comply with the proposed COVID-19 immunization requirements to avoid potential assessment of civil penalties; therefore, any fiscal impact to local government will be not significant.

CERTIFICATION:

The information contained herein is true and correct to the best of my knowledge.

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Krista Lee Carsner". The script is cursive and fluid.

Krista Lee Carsner, Executive Director

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